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SUBJ: GOM/ORGANIZED LABOR DEAL DISSIDENT ELECTRICAL WORKERS

FURTHER SETBACK

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1. LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN STRUGGLE WITHIN ELECTRICAL WORKERS' UNION IS THAT TWO OF THE STRONGEST SECTIONS OF RAFAEL GALVAN'S "DEMOCRATIC TENDENCY" HAVE RETUEND TO THE FOLD OF UNION'S ESTABLISHMENT LEADERSHIP. THIS TOOK PLACE FOLLOWING VIOLENCE IN PUEBLA DESCRIVED REFTTEL, WHICH BECAME OCCASION FOR GOM AND PRI LEADERSHIP (MUNOZ LEDO) TO SHOW UNIFIED SUPPORT AND SYMPATHY FOR ESTABLISHMENT LABOR LEADERSHIP.

2. GLVAN HAS DENOUNCED DEFECTION OF PUEBLA AND GUADALAJARA SECTIONS OF HIS DISSIDENT FACTION BUT FOR THE MOMENT IS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING NOTHING STRONGER THAN A SYMBOLIC SHOW OF SUPPORT FROM THE TEACHERS AND EMPLOYEES UNIONS AT MEXICO'S NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

3. COMMENT: GOM AND PRI ORGANIZED LABOR ARE OBVIOUSLY DECIDED UPON ELIMINATING THE GALVAN FACTION AS A THREAT TO THE PRI AFFILIATED UNION LEADERSHIP AND THEY APPEAR TO BE SUCCEEDING WITHOUT RESORTING TO PHYSICAL REPRESSION. GALVAN
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IS DEFINITELY ON THE DEFENSIVE AND APPEARS UNABLE TO REGAIN

THE MOMENTUM HE ENJOYED ONLY TWO WEEKS AGO. LARGER SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NOW APPARENT FAILURE OF THIS YEAR LONG CHALLENGE TO ORGANIZED LABOR LEADERSHIP WILL BE ITS IMPACT ON OTHER SUCH THREATS, BOTH WITHIN PRI AFFILIATED UNIONS AND WITHOUT, IN THE "INDEPENDENT UNIONS". FOR THE MOMENT, AT LEAST, THE GOM HAS COME DOWN SQUARELY BEHIND FIDEL VELASQUEZ AND HIS CRONIES, AND THIS MESSAGE WILL NOT BE LOST ON OTHER DISSIDENT LEADERS.

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